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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Lee M. Paschall, USAF
Director, Defense Communications Agency
Washington, D.C. 20305

SUBJECT : NPIC-Pentagon Microwave Link

REFERENCES : A. Letter from Director, DCA to CIA,
dated 18 August 1976
B. Letter from Director, DCA to CIA,
dated 24 March 1977

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2. We have reviewed Reference B proposal that CIA alone operate this link. We conclude that the system capacity far exceeds our needs. Further, it appears it will be increasingly costly to operate and maintain the aging, unique prototype equipment. Therefore, we must respectfully decline your offer.

/s/ E. H. Knoche

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Deputy Director

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<p>DDCI had this revised a bit and retyped for his signature. As the subject is a bit technical, I thought you might want another look at it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Frank Rettenberg</p>					
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2. *We have* ~~a~~ review of Reference B. proposal indicates the system capacity far exceeds the needs of CIA alone. Further, it appears it will be increasingly costly to operate and maintain the aging, unique prototype equipment. Consequently, *that can demonstrate that link is* ~~our assumption of O&M would be negatively cost beneficial~~ *conclude that the* Therefore, your offer must be declined. *respectfully declining your offer.*

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STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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